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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION BILL, 1926

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Mr. SMOOT, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 10020']

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 10020) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, and for other purposes, reports the same to the Senate with various amendments and presents herewith information relative to the changes made:

Amount of bill as passed House.....	\$237, 840, 926. 00
Amount added by Senate (net).....	1, 140, 477. 67

Amount of bill as reported to Senate.....	238, 981, 403. 67
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Amount of appropriations, 1925.....	268, 959, 114. 80
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Amount of estimates for 1926.....	239, 704, 138. 67
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The bill as reported to the Senate is—

Under the estimates for 1926.....	722, 735. 00
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Under the appropriations for 1925.....	29, 977, 711. 13
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The changes in the amounts of the House bill recommended by the committee are as follows:

INCREASE

General Land Office:

Surveyors General.....	\$214. 680. 00
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Salaries and commissions of registers of district land offices....	50, 000. 00
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Total, General Land Office.....	264, 680. 00
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Bureau of Indian Affairs:

Payment of certain local taxes to Stevens and Ferry Counties, Wash	\$115, 767. 67
Reconnaissance work along San Juan River, Colo.....	10, 000. 00
Flathead Indian Reservation, Mont., irrigation systems.....	35, 000. 00
Total, Bureau of Indian Affairs.....	160, 767. 67

Bureau of Reclamation:

Boise project, Idaho.....	31, 000. 00
Spanish Springs extension, Newlands project, Nevada.....	500, 000. 00
Williston, pumping project, North Dakota.....	25, 000. 00
Salt Lake Basin project, Utah.....	100, 000. 00
Total, Bureau of Reclamation.....	656, 000. 00

United States Geological Survey:

Examination and classification of lands.....	15, 000. 00
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Bureau of Mines:

Development of oil shale.....	90, 000. 00
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Government in the Territories:

Installation of oil-burning equipment in governor's residence, Juneau, Alaska.....	1, 500. 00
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Total increase.....	1, 187, 947. 67
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DECREASE

General Land Office:

Surveying public lands.....	\$47, 470. 00
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Total net increase.....	1, 140, 477. 67
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Amount of bill as reported to Senate.....	238, 981, 403. 67
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The following amendments were approved by the committee, and the chairman of the subcommittee authorized to offer the same to the bill in the Senate:

AUTHORITY GIVEN THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO FIX SALARIES
OF FIELD EMPLOYEES

On page 3, after line 5, insert the following:

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to fix the rates of compensation of civilian employees in the field services under the Department of the Interior to correspond, so far as may be practicable, to the rates established by the classification act of 1923 for positions in the departmental services in the District of Columbia, notwithstanding the salary restrictions in other acts which limit salaries to rates in conflict with the rates fixed by the classification act of 1923 for the departmental services.

DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF COMMISSIONER OF RECLAMATION

On page 82, after line 9, insert the following:

That under the supervision and direction of the Secretary of the Interior the reclamation of arid lands, under the act of June 17, 1902, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, shall be administered by a commissioner of reclamation, who shall be equipped for the duties of said office by practical experience in irrigation of arid lands and the agricultural development and utilization thereof, and who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The first commissioner appointed under the provisions of this paragraph shall receive a salary of \$10,000 per annum.

CARLSBAD CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT

On page 99, line 24, insert the following:

The appropriation for national monuments is increased from \$21,980 to \$46,980, of which amount \$25,000 shall be immediately available for the administration, protection, maintenance, and construction of physical improvements of Carlsbad Cave National Monument in New Mexico whenever the State of New Mexico shall surrender title to section 36, township 24 south, range 24 east, to the United States.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

On page 111, after line 13, insert the following:

For maintenance, to be used in payment of part of the salaries of the officers, professors, teachers, and other regular employees of the university, ice, and stationery, the balance of which shall be paid from donations and other sources, of which sum not less than \$2,200 shall be used for normal instruction, \$125,000;

For tools, material, salaries of instructors, and other necessary expenses of the department of manual arts, of which amount not to exceed \$21,800 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia, \$34,000;

Medical department: For part cost needed equipment, laboratory supplies, apparatus, and repair of laboratories and buildings, \$9,000;

For material and apparatus for chemical, physical, biological, and natural-history studies and use in laboratories of the science hall, including cases and shelving, \$5,000;

For books, shelving, furniture, and fixtures for the libraries, \$3,000;

For improvement of grounds and repairs of buildings, \$30,000;

Fuel and light: For part payment for fuel and light, Freedmen's Hospital and Howard University, \$15,000;

Toward the construction of a building for the medical department, within a limit of cost of \$370,000, which is hereby authorized, \$185,000: *Provided*, That no part of the sum hereby appropriated shall be available until there is filed with the Secretary of the Interior a guaranty by the trustees of the university that a suitable equipment for such building will be provided at a cost of not less than \$130,000 by subscription of alumni and other friends of the university;

Total, Howard University, \$406,000.



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